

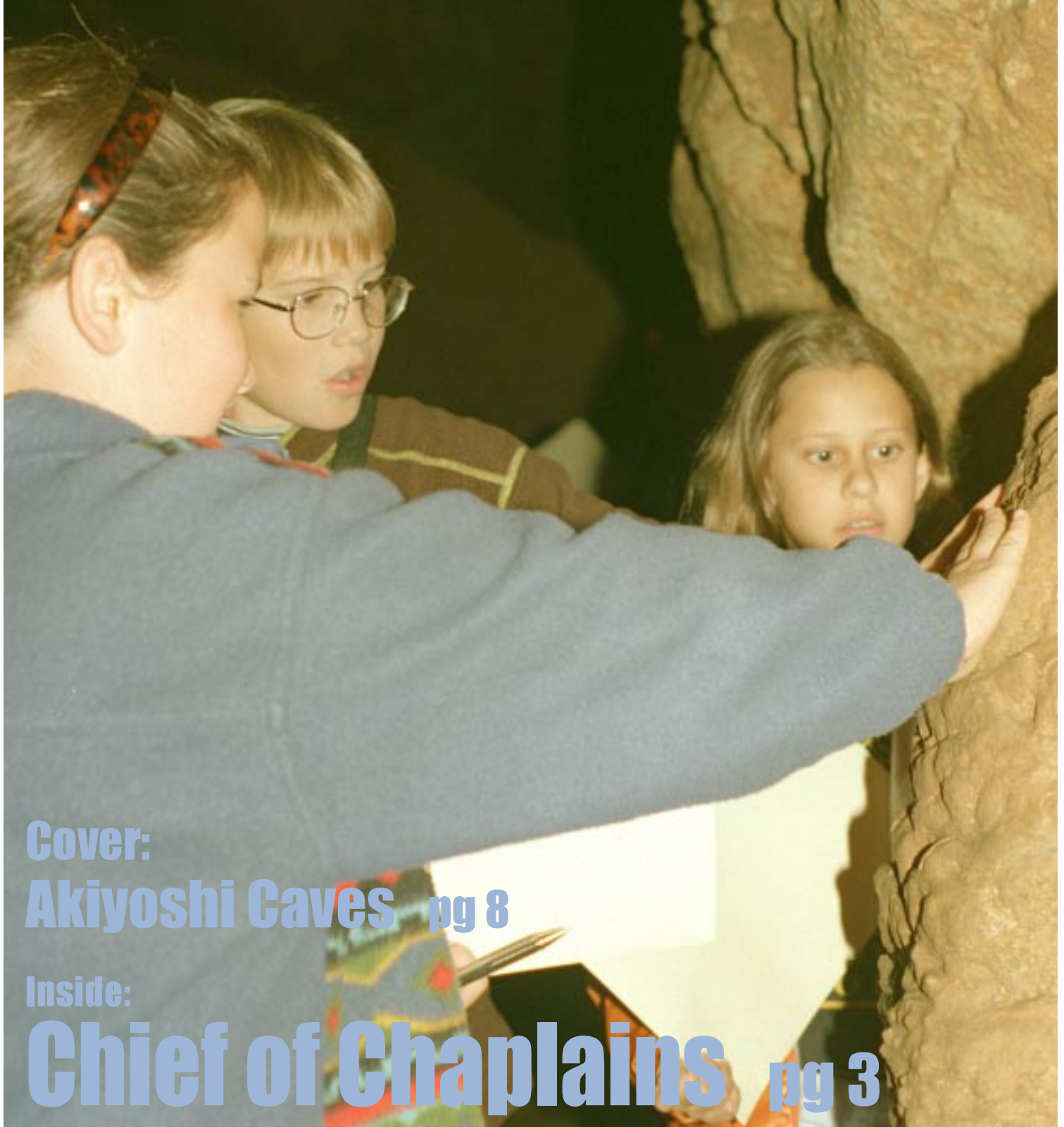
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Stirring prayer causes senators to walk out

by Chaplain David D. Mitchell
Marine Aircraft Group 13 chaplain

The following prayer is a stirring one; it is grounded in a more evangelical or conservative Christian tradition. However, it is submitted as a spiritual reflection. First let me warn you, this prayer generated a great deal of controversy among senators in the Kansas Senate. Those who disagreed with its theological, social, and cultural assessment felt that it was too narrow in scope and limited in substance, but read it for yourself and make

your own conclusion.

When minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual politically correct generalities, but what they heard instead was a stirring prayer, passionately calling our country to repentance and righteousness. The response was immediate, a number of legislators walked out during the prayer in protest. In six short weeks, the Central Christian Church had logged more than 5,000

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Youth tobacco use still major concern

submitted by
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Health Promotion Division Officer

Youth tobacco use rates have decreased over the past 10 years, but we still need to work on decreasing teenage tobacco use even more.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the American Cancer Society, 22 percent of high school students report smoking daily. Ten to 25 percent of children try cigarettes before or during sixth grade. Additionally, 11.4 percent of high school students use smokeless tobacco. The majority of smokeless tobacco users start at 13 years of age, some as early as 4 or 5 years old. More girls report tobacco use than boys do by the time they are seniors in high school. Ninety percent of smokers begin the habit in adolescent years.

Recently, I spoke with seventh and

eight graders here about the hazards of tobacco use. The students were encouraged to say "no" to beginning a nicotine addiction habit; and informed that no method of use is safer than another method of use because tobacco contains over 4,000 chemicals — 43 of the chemicals cause cancer.

The unattractiveness of tobacco use was highlighted, discussing the fact tobacco users are more likely to experience tooth loss, have yellow-colored teeth, develop a chronic cough, and develop wrinkles prematurely. The following health issues were discussed: Smoking effects athletic performance, robs our bodies of necessary oxygen, effects lung function, and predispose individuals to cancer in different parts of the body such as the mouth, lungs, bladder and bones.

It has been reported that children who come from a home where to-

bacco is used, are twice as likely to begin using tobacco.

According to the Center for Disease Control, most adolescent smokers report that they would like to stop smoking; in fact, most have already made numerous, unsuccessful attempts to quit.

There is help available. Students were encouraged to ask individuals such as a family member, a friend, or a school nurse for assistance when trying to stop using tobacco. The clinic offers a monthly four-session Tobacco Cessation Course that is free of charge. Children under 18 years of age must have parental or guardian consent to attend classes. Teenagers are reminded to be cool and not smoke. As one teenage girl puts it, "kissing a boy who smokes is like kissing a dirty ashtray." For details call the Clinic Health Promotion Division at 253-3266.



Our Cover

(left to right) Gabby Morales, Alex Thompson, and Lauren Stephens examine a rock wall inside Akiyoshi Cave Nov. 10 during a M.C. Perry fifth grade class trip. (photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson)

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News Briefs

Traffic Alert

Due to construction, the Monzen Bridge will be reduced to one lane of traffic throughout the day through Dec. 17. Additionally, the Main Gate will be restricted to one lane of traffic from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Dec. 26. For more information call PMO Community Services Section at 253-3287.

Education Hotline

The Department of Veterans Affairs has a new toll-free telephone number for veterans and family members to get the latest information on VA education benefits.

By dialing 1-888-GI BILL (1-888-442-4551) 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week, veterans, family members, school officials and others can receive education benefits information, including detailed eligibility criteria and general background on VA programs.

Closure

Marine Corps Property will be closed until Dec. 13 to conduct a required wall-to-wall inventory. Patrons are asked to postpone all business until after the completion of the inventory. Emergency requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. For more information call 253-4397.

Cable Problems

Station residents who experience cable problems should call the Electronics Maintenance Division at 253-5631 vice the Armed Forces Network. Although personnel are not available after working hours, residents can leave a message.

Chief of Chaplains visits Iwakuni

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The Chief of Chaplains, Rear Adm. Byron Holderby, visited the air station Nov. 15-16 as part of a tour through pacific installations to visit chaplains stationed overseas.

The Chief of Chaplains came to talk with station chaplains about religious programs and answer questions they might have.

"We talked about some of their challenges. Most of your chaplains here are relatively new so they have a lot of questions," said Holderby.

They also discussed new ways to deliver ministry and outreach programs, and how they could continue to implement what was successful, according to Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Ceriello, command chaplain.

Sometimes good ideas are collected and passed on to other commands.

"I try to bring ideas of new types of programs from some other places we visit. Maybe I'll pick some up here that I may use somewhere else," said Holderby prior to the meeting.

Chaplains talked about their challenges, discoveries and success stories.

"It helped us to focus and present our program to someone who knows

where we're coming from," said Ceriello.

"I'd like to convey to the chaplains that we know they're here and that they aren't lost because they're a long way from home and that we are interested in what they're doing and want to come out here and make that known to them," said Holderby.

For the chaplains, having the Chief of Chaplains come and spend time with them is motivating, according to Ceriello.

"When you know your Chief of Chaplains is interested and concerned, it helps," said Ceriello.

Holderby's visit was not all about religious programs. He toured the station, which he has not seen in more than 10 years.

"I see a brand new chapel going up. That will give a lot more religious education room. Aside from the religious programs, I see a lot of midrise apartments around here that weren't here then," said Holderby, referring to his last visit. "It looks like all of the older buildings here have disappeared and new ones are going up. That's probably a little ahead of what's going on in other places. I would think this would be a wonderful place to be stationed, especially for families. I think it's a well-kept secret."

New computer virus detected

by SSgt. Michelle Smith
Press Chief

The National Infrastructure Protection Center issued an advisory recently on a virus known as "BubbleBoy," first seen by the antiviral community, according to an Awareness of National Security Issues and Response e-mail message.

"The BubbleBoy virus is the type of virus we've dreaded for years. It acts upon one's system without any user interaction," said CWO-3 David Stephens, information systems management officer, in an e-mail message sent to station information

systems coordinators.

The BubbleBoy virus is the first e-mail-borne computer script that does not require a user to open an e-mail or e-mail attachment to be infected. To date, there have been no reported victims of the virus, but since it is now available for download and imitation by virus writers, its release "into the wild" — the Internet community — and the appearance of destructive variants are highly likely.

Because of the damage such virus can cause to military computers, the Information Systems Management

Seabees give toys for tots

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-7 donated Toys for Tots Nov. 17 at the Hornet's Nest so that local orphans can have toys for Christmas.

More than half of the unit's 18 Seabees donated to the campaign, which runs from Nov. 5 to Dec. 19.

"Everybody wanted to participate, but not everybody could afford to," said Equipment Operator 2nd class Robert S. Brown, transportation supervisor. "Marines have given a lot of support for equipment so it's the least we can do by giving back to the community."

One of the things the Seabees do while on deployment to places like Iwakuni is try to get involved in the community, according to Brown. They have also never been in a position where they have had the opportunity to do things like donate to the Toys for Tots campaign.

"When we see an organization come together it shows that there's much more support for this kind of drive," said SSgt. Dwight Hora, Toys for Tots coordinator. "On an individual basis it's hard to recognize them, but they came together to donate a large group of toys."

The main drop points for toys are the Marine Lounge and Hornet's Nest all week, and the exchange on week-



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Toys collected by the Seabees of NMCB-7 were donated to Toys for Tots by EO2 Robert S. Brown (right). Receiving the toys for Toys for Tots were SSgt. Dwight Hora, Toys for Tots coordinator (center), and Cpl. Benjamin Shenette, chairman of the Single Marine Program.

ends. There are also drop boxes at some units.

The toys will go to two orphanages in the area, which house more than 180 children combined.

"When they see a Marine in dress blues come out and give them a toy, it gives them a sense of hope," said Hora. "I think we'll succeed in getting the amount of toys we need for these orphanages."

Command support will be an asset to making this year's drive a success.

"I wish we could get more support and get more units to participate," said Cpl. Shenette Benjamin, chairman of the Single Marine Program.

Anyone who wants to help in the drive or volunteer to drop off toys on Christmas can call 253-4165.

More Y2K rumors, fact or fiction

submitted by
the Department of Defense

Editor's Note: The following is part two of a two-part series on Y2K rumors. Part one was featured in the Nov. 19 edition of the Torii Teller.

RUMOR: Y2K problems in federal prison facilities will cause cell doors and gates to open, increasing the risk of prison escapes.

FALSE. According to the Federal

Bureau of Prisons, cell doors and gates in federal prison facilities do not have Y2K vulnerabilities. Controls on doors and gates are always managed by correction officers, and the doors and gates do not operate on timers. Prison doors and gates are opened through human control, when the correction officer pushes a button. In the event of power failures, the doors and gates default to a closed position.

RUMOR: Even though the United States is effectively preparing for Y2K

in regards to its nuclear weapons, we have no idea what other countries are doing to prepare.

FALSE. As the Defense Department works to ensure the security of the United States nuclear and other weapons into the Year 2000, it is also reaching out to nations around the world, including Russia, to ensure that they too are taking similar measures with their weapons systems. In particular, the department has been working with other nations to discuss how to manage potential disruptions to Early Warning Systems, which warn

Marines throw down in paintball matches



official USMC photo

Two Marines stand ready for an oncoming assault of their position during a paintball competition at Kadena Air Base Nov. 19. The training helped the service members hone their combat skills.

by Sgt. Kevin E. Harris
Kadena Air Base

KADENA AIR BASE — While Marines in the northern camps have ready access to training areas and sophisticated gear to ply their trade, Marines in the southern camps sometimes need to make due with the assets available to them to hone their combat skills.

At times, training even takes on the appearance of a game — but a serious one.

Applying everything they learned, Lance Cpl. Nouteng E. Chang, Marine Wing Support Group-17 fiscal clerk, and Sgt. Jason D. Hazard, MWSG-17 maintenance management specialist, crept up a steep hill through heavily vegetated terrain to seek out and destroy enemy forces. Covered and concealed behind trees with weapons pointed ahead, Chang and Hazard swept the area for hints of the enemy as songbirds chirped their early-morning songs.

Meanwhile, enemy forces positioned at the top of a hill focused on Chang and Hazard, waiting for the right moment to engage their target like a jaguar hunting for prey.

As the pair of Marines neared the top of the slope, gunfire erupted around them. Trying to avoid the bombardment, Hazard was hit in the head, but Chang managed to advance to the top without being hit.

Returning fire for as long as he could, Chang finally succumbed to the superior enemy force.

It was the second time that more than 50 Marines and Sailors from MWSG-17 and Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 fought it out in a force-on-force challenge at the Kadena Services Paintball area.

“It is good to get out and exercise our warrior spirit,” said Capt. Chuck Valence, MWSG-17 personnel detachment commanding officer. “For most Marines and Sailors here, this is an eye-opener.”

Although this is only paintball, this is the first time many of these Marines and Sailors had shot at someone or had been shot at,” he added. For the Marines involved, the experience taught some valuable lessons while providing a fun way to train.

“This is as close as it gets for us right now to being in a combat situation,” said Chang. “We use the skills we were taught in boot camp and Marine Combat Training. What more can a Marine ask for?”

The time spent at the paintball range also offered these Marines a sense of accomplishment.

“I remembered moving up the hill during one of the games and I saw one of my enemy moving to my right. I waited and got ready for the kill,” said Lance Cpl. Hunter J. Higgins, MWSG-17. “I tagged him right from between two trees.”

“Training like this is what it is all about,” said Valence. “Most of the fire and maneuver tactics and shooting on the run still apply out here.”



photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

Keeping Japan safe

Kenshin Sato, disaster affairs department head for Tokyo, presents Rear Admiral Yoshihiro Kuwahata, Fleet Air Wing 31 commander, an award for Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Flight Squadron 71's 400th rescue mission requested by Tokyo.

The squadron, Japan's only US-1 Amphibious Flying Boat squadron, conducted its 400th mission Sept. 11.

The squadron was established in 1976 to transport medical patients and conduct sea rescue missions. It is composed of seven aircraft, stationed here and in Atsugi.

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countries of threats to their national security.

RUMOR: Most elevator computers and embedded systems will fail on Jan. 1, 2000.

FALSE. Contrary to initial published reports, the vast majority of elevator operating systems will not be affected by the transition to the Year 2000. Most elevators do not concern themselves with the year as part of their normal operations, and maintenance systems are often usage-based.

Major elevator companies — such as Schindler, Otis, and Dover — have all said that their elevators do not depend upon calendar-based data for operational purposes and, thus, should not be adversely affected by the Y2K transition.

Additionally, if elevator systems were to experience Year 2000-related failures, all elevators have manual overrides that would enable them to return to operation.

RUMOR: The Federal Aviation Administration, certain that the air traffic control system will not be ready at the turn of the century, will ground all flights in the United States at 6 p.m. on Dec. 31, 1999, and not let any take off until 6 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000.

FALSE. The FAA has no plans to halt air traffic on or around December 31, 1999 - Jan. 1, 2000. The FAA is committed to the safety of air transport and, as such, is working hard not only on its own systems, but with the airline industry, to ensure a seamless transition into the new millennium. The FAA will not compromise safety.

The FAA is on-schedule to have all of its systems Y2K compliant no later than June 30, 1999. Should systems appear likely to miss the June 30 deadline, general contingency plans are already in place that address system failures for occurrences such as power outages, severe weather, etc. Moreover, each system has its own

specific Y2K contingency plan. These existing Y2K plans are being used to develop the National Airspace System and agency-wide contingency plans, a component of the FAA Business Continuity and Contingency Plan, which was due for completion by December 1998.

RUMOR: The Year 2000 problem will cause pacemakers to malfunction, including, as a worst case, failure to provide the needed pacing output to sustain cardiac function.

FALSE. While computer software frequently is embedded as a component of pacemakers, this software does not use date information in the operation of the pacemaker itself. None of the implanted devices require knowledge of, nor do they use, the current date to operate safely and effectively.

Software is also used in associated support devices, such as external pacemaker programmers, that are used in conjunction with implanted pacemakers. The Year 2000 problem will not affect most of these associated products. However, the problem could affect a few of the external programmers that are used to monitor and/or change pacemaker operating conditions if these programmers were not designed to be Year 2000 compliant.

The Food and Drug Administration has contacted medical device manufacturers to ensure that they are working with the medical community to prevent potential disruptions in clinical care caused by the Year 2000 problem. For pacemakers, there are only a few older models of pacemaker programmers that are affected. The manufacturers are expected to provide solutions or upgrades for these well before the Year 2000 date problem could impact a physician's ability to provide appropriate clinical care when monitoring or reprogramming of the pacemaker is required. Physicians who are using these programmers will be contacted by the manufacturer and advised of actions need to correct the problem.

With more than three weeks on the air station helping out with Club Iwakuni's grand opening and the Marine Corps Ball, the club's ...

Interim chef smooths transition

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff

Tom Belgard arrived on the air station Oct. 24, to be greeted by the hustle and bustle of a new club complex preparing for its grand opening in less than a week — a grand opening in which he would play an integral role.

He quickly took his place as Club Iwakuni's interim food and beverage quality assurance specialist, organizing the club's kitchen and preparing it to open. With three clubs combined into one kitchen — as opposed to the single restaurant he was accustomed to at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego — it was a new experience for him.

"In San Diego, we do a lot of buffets. Here, we're at the end of the pipeline. I've learned to work with a lot of frozen products and work around expensive products," he said. "Also, the recruit depot is not very big. This seems to be a lot bigger. In San Diego, we have a lot of recruits' families come through, so the clientele is quite a bit different, too."

There were changes the staff had to go through. Coming from three separate clubs, they had to begin to work together, learning how their specific roles fit into the new design. One change was the cook line, which was bigger than any at the old establishments.

Still, Belgard's most difficult obstacle was getting his co-workers to understand the tasks he had for them.

"The biggest problem is communication with the Japanese," he said, "but they have great attitudes."

After days of preparation, the big day came. The ribbon was cut, the doors flew open and the crowd flooded the building.

"Behind the scenes it took days, but it was amazing how fast the food went," said Belgard.

Once things settled back down a little bit, club employees were ready to look forward to their next obstacle: the Marine Corps balls.

Belgard stayed on through the celebrations to ensure things went smoothly. In the meantime, he was in charge of the club's first brunch and prepared everything for the next person to fill his shoes.

As he prepared to head back to San Diego and the Bay View Restaurant early this week, local MCCA staff members were sad to see him go.

"His boss told me he had the best and Tom has proved that time and time again," said Kathy Nuzum, director of business operations for MCCA here. "He's been a real treat for us."

"He's worked long, long hours," said Carmen Rios, MCCA food and beverage officer here. "We appreciate him so much because he left his family and his job to come over here."

Belgard has had a hand in almost every task involving the club complex's food services — from staffing to training, from cooking to annotating detailed lists of Club Iwakuni's needs.

"He ensured the proper training and assisted in helping the clubs merge together," said Nuzum. "It's thanks to Tom that we'll have everything in writing."

Through it all, Club Iwakuni's staff enjoyed the experience, knowing how much help Belgard had been.

"He's really, really down to earth and I think that's why everybody likes him," said Rios. "He's been a Godsend."

Belgard enjoyed his time here, too — a chance to work in a new setting.

"It's a beautiful place, and it's got great potential. Of all the military clubs I've seen, this is very impressive," he said. "It's been a very different experience. I've enjoyed the people and doing something so different."



photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

Tom Belgard, interim food and beverage quality assurance specialist for Club Iwakuni, prepares a dish for the Marine Corps Ball. Belgard spent a little more than three weeks here helping the club get up and running before returning to San Diego.

M.C. Perry students go spelunking

by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

Seventy students, chaperoned by 16 parents, descended with flashlights in hand into the cool damp air of Akiyoshi Cave Nov. 10 as their scientific studies of Earth came to a climax.

This fascinating part of Japan lies deep in the earth far from the temples and shrines that dot the countryside. The cave is located on Honshu in the southern part of the Akiyoshi Plateau and is the largest limestone cave in Asia.

The cave took 300,000 years to form and measures 42,000 cubic meters. Its length is estimated at six miles and at its widest, it measures 100 meters, according to the cave guidebook.

Deep in the caverns below the plateau, there are stone formations with names like "Secret Pass of the Cave Dragon," "Dyers Vats," "Ghost Fall" and "Crepe Rock."

"We learned a lot about formations and caves, and how they look," said Alex Thompson, student. "I learned that caves are formed by ground water. I saw '1,000 Rice Fields' and the 'Golden Pillar.' The '1,000 Rice Fields' are limestone pools. That's what made them look like rice fields."

"The 'Golden Pillar' was tall and big and it looked like a lot of columns," said Trey Parison, student.

Students viewed 32 formations as they walked along the trails and bridges that linked the caves together.

"I thought the best part of the trip was seeing the cave formations and the resemblance of the formations to things in real life," said Gabby Morales, student. "I learned about how the stalagmites and stalactites formed into a column, and how the limestone dripped and formed the stalactites."

Stalactites are limestone formations that descend from the ceiling of a cave and stalagmites protrude from the ground up.

As students walked through the cave they stared

upward with a look of amazement at the cathedral-like ceiling, touching everything they could along the way.

"Some of the rocks felt slippery and slimy, and some of the rocks were smooth and wet," said Morales.

Throughout the cave, students had to locate certain formations, check them off of their sheet, and try to picture a reason for its name.

"When I first got inside I thought something was going to fall on me, but after I got inside it felt good," said Parison.

Students may have been uncertain about going into a cave but one thing they were certain of was what they would find inside. Teachers prepared students for what formations they would see, how they were formed and what the different types of limestone formations were called.

"When I got in there I knew I didn't have to go 'What is that?' when I looked at a stalagmite. I already knew what they were," said Thompson.

"We talked in science class about layers, the changing earth and all the different eras," said Sigrid Straatveit, fifth grade science teacher.

"Now we're studying the Paleozoic era, and that's when

a lot of caves were formed."

The children did find some surprises on their journey.

"The crepe rock was all sparkly. I didn't expect any of the rocks to be all sparkly," said Lauren Stephens, student. "I thought there would be little puddles everywhere, not a big river running through the cave."

Children were not the only ones to get a lasting impression of this place.

"The size and age of the cave allows you to realize your insignificance as a human being," said Wanda Ross, chaperone. "It's nice to get away and enjoy nature at its best."

Caves sometimes conjure images of cavemen, bats, wild beasts, monsters and uncertain adventure, but this particular cave was filled with fifth graders eager to learn about Earth.



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Illuminated by colored lights the "1,000 Rice Fields" in the distance and "The Ceiling of an Umbrella Shop," are only some of the formations M.C. Perry students viewed during their trip to Akiyoshi Cave Nov. 10.

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phone calls with only 47 of those calls responding negatively. The church is now receiving international requests for copies of the prayer from India, Africa and Korea. Commentator Paul Harvey aired the prayer on "The Rest of the Story" on the radio and received a larger response to this program than any other he has ever aired!

The Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask for your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your word says, 'Woe on those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium

and reversed our values. We confess that:

- ☐ We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.
- ☐ We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternate lifestyle.
- ☐ We've exploited the poor and called it lottery.
- ☐ We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- ☐ We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
- ☐ We have killed our unborn children and called it choice.
- ☐ We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.
- ☐ We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- ☐ We have abused power and called

it political savvy.

- ☐ We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- ☐ We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- ☐ We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by you, to govern this great state. Grant them your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of your will. ... Amen."

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Office has taken a proactive stance.

"Upon reading the news, the ISMO security chief updated virus definitions for Norton Anti-Virus to show the most current update, which covers any vulnerabilities," said Kim Oxendine, ISMO security officer. Additionally, station users are reminded to scan all files received from others on a disk or any document that may have been brought in from home.

Fortunately for station users, the virus only affects those computers with Internet Explorer 5.

"The standard Internet Explorer version for air station users is four not five. As this is the case, Iwakuni should not be impacted by this strain of virus," Oxendine said.

However for those users who may have Internet Explorer 5, Microsoft provided a patch to repair the "hole" the virus accesses. "We have downloaded the patch and placed it on our share drives for the ISC to access," she said.

While its current variants are relatively harmless, in the past, similar scripts have been quickly modified by virus writers to include destructive payloads (programs that modify or erase files, for example).

BubbleBoy's potential danger, plus the ease with which it is capable of spreading, warrant a medium risk level. The virus is received with the subject line "BubbleBoy is Back." If such an e-mail is received the user should immediately delete it. Also as a good method of preventing viral infections, users should always delete any unsolicited e-mails, Oxendine said.

Because of the possibility of computer viral infections from shared software and software not approved through ISMO, ISMO officials stress that no software be loaded to a government-owned computer without the knowledge and support of their office.

If a user suspects that an undefined virus is detected on their machine, they should stop what they are doing and contact their ISC or the Security Section at ISMO.

News

Sports/Leisure



photo courtesy of Teen Center

Giving spirit

The Teen Center sponsored a Turkey Trot and Food Drive Nov. 19. Participants each gave a food item to enter the race for a food basket to be given to a station family in the winner's name. The participants listed (left to right) are Rebecca Doherty, Luke Whichard, Joey Miller, 8, Jessica Whichard, female winner, Donald Green, Brian Miller, 4, Joseph Miller and Justin McCloskey, male winner.

Tons of fun - sumo

by SSgt. Lawrence Torres III
Public Affairs Chief

"Higashi, Musashimaru, Musashimaru ... nishi, Takanohana, Takanohana." The gyoji entered the small ring with the combatants and called out the names of each contestant in a specially trained, high-pitched voice which created a tremendous stir Nov. 21 for one of the biggest matches in the world. They translate — On the east side, Musashimaru ... one the west side, Takanohana. More than 40 people here saw in person two of the largest and well-known men in "the sumo" world squared off in the final battle of 1999.

More than 120 people on three separate Information Tours and Travel trips traveled to Fukuoka this month to witness sumo giants fight in a circle 15 feet in diameter. Some of the attendants witnessed this tournament for the first time while others have lived around the Japanese wrestling tournament their entire life.

Kiki O'Toole, ITT assistant manager, grew up in Japan and said

this was the first match she has ever seen in person.

"I thought it was going to be a tournament for old guys (to watch) because my grandpa used to watch it when I was growing up," said O'Toole. "Being there and seeing those guys made a difference and I enjoyed it."

This tournament was one of six Grand Tournaments held each year around Japan. Each tournament lasts 15 days with each rikishi, or sumo wrestler, fighting once every day with a different opponent.

"I enjoy the action of sumo," said Sgt. Aaron Moore, Defense Messaging Systems administrator who started following sumo five years ago. "I wrestled when I was a little kid up through high school.

"I find it similar to my high school wrestling because it is one person fighting another person. It is not a team sport."

The rikishi weigh a lot more than the average wrestler in high school. Some weigh a little more than 200 pounds. The largest active rikishi, Akebono (Chad Rowan), weighs more than 500 pounds.

Staff Sergeant Timothy LeMaster, Training Audio Visual Support Center noncommissioned officer-in-charge, had a chance to see them up close.

"The sumo wrestlers were walking down the same passageway that the spectators use," said LeMaster. "I was also able to get down to the ring when the trophies were presented."

This year's battle for the more than 25 trophies presented ended up being what some people referred to as the "sumo match of the century."

"It was very exciting to see two Yokozuna's get into it," said LeMaster. "The crowd expected it to be good which only increased the excitement."

Musashimaru, a native of Hawaii, won the match by flinging Takanohana onto his back. According to Moore, the roar of the crowd and reaction to the win was tremendous.

"My heart was racing through the entire match," said Moore. "I screamed when he (Musashimaru) won and almost lost my voice."

Information, Tours and Travel plans to continue supporting the sumo trip every year. Tickets are purchased for the Kyushu Basho one year in advance.

News

Building Demolition

Mari Acosta, family affairs social services assistant, prepares a piece of a building-shaped cake for Sherie Sturgis, teen program coordinator, during the grand opening for the new Community Services Building Nov. 19.

The building, located just behind the Crossroads Mall, will house many services formerly located in Bldg. 210.

Its grand opening was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house.



photo by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn

Club beckons racquetball players of all skills

by Cpl. Ryan Bradburn
Torii Teller Staff



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Body Building

Dennis Newman, International Federation of Body-building professional body-builder, gives the audience a show at the Western Japan Bodybuilding Championships here Sunday.

Thirty-seven Bodybuilders from around Japan, to include 12 Americans and five women, entered in the competition.

Overall champion: Derick Anderson, Misawa Air Base

Best poser, women: Erika Napoletano, Atsugi Naval Air Facility

Best poser, men: Koji Miyaguchi, Japan

Women's open champion: Susan Rodriguez, ANAF

Bantamweight champion: Susumu Takahashi, Japan

Lightweight champion: Anderson

Middleweight champion: Yoshinobu Kameyama, Japan

Light heavyweight champion: Tomonodi Zaizan, Japan

Heavyweight champion: Vincent Plummer, Camp Zama

Residents interested in racquetball — from those who have never played before to those who are giants in the court — now have a chance to hone their skills against other players.

The Iwakuni Racquetball Club, reinstated Mar. 5, offers both beginner and expert racquetball players several ways to improve at the sport.

"The club gives players the ability to be in contact and know other players," said Michael Talley, club president.

The club was actually founded two years ago, according to Talley. When its former president rotated off the station, the club was cancelled, to be reignited by fresh interest Mar. 5.

"At first, we didn't think it would fly," said Talley. But in the eight months since it was started, the club has grown from 10 members to nearly 40, he said.

For a one-time nominal membership fee, the club offers its members a place in club tournaments, clinics and their biggest attraction: the challenge ladder.

The ladder represents an on-going competition between members of the club. Players are ranked according to their skill level. New players on the ladder can challenge in at any position they feel they would fit. If they lose, they go to the bottom. If they win, they remain at the level they challenged.

Once on the ladder, competitors can try to better their standings by challenging up two positions at a time. The person they challenge must respond and the two of them must schedule a match within seven days.

To help less experienced players move up the ladder, advanced players are always ready to bequeath tips.

"Advanced players are always willing to play others and give advice," said Talley. "Beginners can pick up pointers and drills from advanced players and get better."

Just getting the chance to play more often can also help hone a racquetball player's skill.

"New members don't have a 'court sense,'" said Hector Saenz, club secretary. "Instead of chasing after the ball, you can just take a step back, wait for it and hit it. Getting used to that comes from playing with all these other people."

In the future, club members may be able to compete with clubs from other installations and travel to professional racquetball competitions.

"We're one of the only installations over here with a racquetball club," Talley said. "If we somehow convinced other commands to have clubs, it would be great to have club tournaments."

Now that it is reinstated, the Iwakuni Racquetball Club plans to stick around.

"This March, we'll re-elect new officials," said Talley. "We won't let it die this time."

For more information on the Iwakuni Racquetball Club, or to sign up, visit their home page at: <http://204.222.44.20/rclub/>

Season presents perfect time for camping out

by Cpl. Michael Wiener
Torii Teller Staff

With the cool weather and leaves turning bright red, orange and yellow, I decided now was the perfect time to finally find out what camping is about – real camping, not the kind I experienced for three years as a grunt.

After packing up the car and my 3-year-old son, stopping by Information Tours and Travel for directions and the gas station for – what else – gas, we literally headed for the hills.

The drive up was pleasant enough. However, we took a few turns we shouldn't have and saw more of Japan than we thought we would. We made it though, just before dusk.

After checking in and paying for our plot of land, we set up camp with the gear checked out from Outdoor Recreation. You'd be amazed at how much help a three-year-old can be with a tent.

Dusk had come and gone by the time everything was set up, so we wisely put off hiking until morning. Instead, we roasted wieners and toasted marshmallows over the campfire and talked of the Yankees back-to-back World Championships.

Under a star-lit sky – and a tent, we fell asleep. Japanese don't do much camping in the fall, so with the exception of Mother Nature, everything was quiet.

After waking up to a breakfast of Pop Tarts and Twinkies, we started hiking the trails. Well, I started hiking, the kid pretty much got a free ride. Either way, we climbed to the top, taking in all the post-card scenery; to include waterfalls, steep cliffs and trees blazing with red, orange and yellow leaves.

After a long decent, we fired up some chicken in the grill house. While lunch was cooking, we cleaned up in the facilities at the camp, which include the all-important



photo by LCpl. Kurt Fredrickson

The second of the seven falls weave down the side of Mount Jyakuchi.

toilets, sinks and pay-showers.

With our late lunch/early dinner on its way to digestion, we packed up camp, doused the fire and headed back to the Sealy Posturepedic and other comforts of home.

To find Seven Falls, take Route 2 toward Tokuyama and get on Route 187. Then travel north until Route 434. Route 434 tends to wind, twist, contort and shrink to the size of a sidewalk, but it's the right way to go.

After traveling a short distance, there will be a fork in the road with a blue sign pointing the way to Seven Falls. Make the left, and soon you'll be surrounded by nature and all of her glory.

To rent a campsite, check in at the first parking lot. The cost is 1,000 yen per night.

Enjoy your stay.

Sports Briefs

Youth Basketball

Youth age 5-14 may register for basketball until Dec. 10 at the Youth Center. Call 253-5729 for details.

Hours Change

Torii Pines Golf Course hours of operation change beginning Dec. 6. The course will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The driving range remains closed due to typhoon damage.

Tuesday Tune-up

Health Promotions will hold a holiday edition of their Tuesday Tune-up Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Crossroads Mall. Two new activities will be introduced, along with holiday entertainment. A variety of health screenings and lifestyle information will be available.

Bowling

Tickets will go on sale Dec. 17-30 for the Southside Bowling Center's New Year's Eve party, which is open to bowlers and guests age 18 and older. Call 253-4657 for details.

Okinawa Marathon

The 2000 Okinawa Marathon is scheduled Feb. 20, 2000. The 10K route covers 12 cities in the central Okinawa area. Apply until Dec. 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information call MCCC Health Promotions at 253-5654.

Golf Course Closure

Torii Pines Golf course will close Thursday from noon until the completion of the H&HS golf tournament. Call 253-3402 for details.

Friday

9:00 Headline News
 9:30 NCAA Football (ESPN)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 King of the Hill (TV-PG)
 7:30 The Hughleys (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)
 9:00 X-Files (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Saturday

0:35 ESPN News
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Nat'l Lampoon's European Vacation (TV-14)
 2:50 Movies 'til Dawn
 Not Without My Daughter (TV-PG)
 5:00 Today Show
 7:00 Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood
 7:30 Arthur (TV-Y)
 8:00 Disney's Mickey Mouse Works (TV-G)
 8:30 Disney's Aladdin
 9:00 The Wild Thornberries (TV-Y)
 9:30 Goosebumps (TV-Y7)
 10:00 Nova
 11:00 This Old House
 11:30 California's Gold
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
 1:00 NFL Blast (NFLI)
 1:30 NBA (TNT)
 4:00 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 5:00 Entertainers
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPN News
 7:00 Beverly Hills, 90210 (TV-14)
 8:00 Melrose Place (TV-14)
 9:00 20/20 Friday
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 ESPN News
 11:00 Saturday Night Live (TV-14)

Sunday

12:30 Motown Live (TV-G)
 1:30 Soul Train
 2:30 Unplugged
 3:30 Friday Night
 4:30 Entertainers
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 Hours of Power
 6:00 Café Video
 6:30 Outreach of Love
 7:00 Icons: Windows Onto Heaven
 7:30 Day of Discovery
 8:00 World of Peter Rabbit (TVY)

8:30 Reading Rainbow
 9:00 Family Movie
 Casper (TV-PG)
 11:00 Wild Things (TV-PG)
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Army Newswatch
 1:00 NCAA Football (ESPN)
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess (TV-PG)
 5:00 Computer Chronicles
 5:30 Wall Street Journal Report
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 ESPN News
 7:00 America's Funniest Home Videos (TV-G)
 8:00 Primetime Movie
 Sabrina Goes to Rome (TV-PG)
 10:00 Headline News
 10:30 Pensacola: Wings of Gold (TV-PG)
 11:30 Walker, Texas Ranger (TV-PG)

Monday

12:30 WWF Superstars (TV-14)
 1:30 America's Black Forum
 2:00 The NFL Today (CBS)
 3:00 NFL (CBS)
 6:00 NFL (CBS)
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Zoboomafoo (TV-Y)
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 Headline News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Disney's Jungle Cubs
 3:30 Jumanji (TV-Y7)
 4:00 Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)
 4:30 All That (TV-Y)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 The Drew Carey Show (TV-PG)
 8:30 The King of Queens (TV-PG)
 9:00 The Practice (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Tuesday

0:35 ESPN News
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 Foul Play (TV-PG)
 3:20 Movies 'til Dawn
 Blindside (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPN News
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)

1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Space Goofs (TV-G)
 3:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
 4:00 Nick News
 4:30 Scholastic Sports America (TV-G)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Seventh Heaven (TV-G)
 8:00 NFL Monday Night Football
 11:30 Pacific Report

Wednesday

12:05 Tonight Show w/Leno
 1:05 Late Show w/Letterman
 2:05 Unsolved Mysteries
 3:00 Movie 'til Dawn
 Cagney and Lacey: Together Again (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPN News
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Bodyshaping
 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Taz-Mania
 3:30 The Secret Files of the Spys
 (TV-Y7)
 4:00 Men in Black (TV-Y7)
 4:30 Dear America (TV-G)
 5:00 Jeopardy! (TV-G)
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 Sabrina, the Teenage Witch (TV-PG)
 7:30 Moesha (TV-PG)
 8:00 Party of Five (TV-14)
 9:00 Ally McBeal (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Thursday

0:35 ESPN News
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Woman Who Loved Elvis (TV-PG)
 2:45 Movies 'til Dawn
 Love Field (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPN News
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies (TV-Y)
 10:30 Co-Ed Training

11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Port Charles (TV-14)
 1:25 Guiding Light (TV-14)
 2:15 General Hospital (TV-14)
 3:05 Animaniacs
 3:30 Pokémon (TV-G)
 4:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (TV-PG)
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Headline News
 6:00 Pacific Report
 6:33 CNN/SI
 7:00 AFN Special
 7:30 Dharma and Greg (TV-14)
 8:00 Just Shoot Me (TV-14)
 8:35 Will and Grace (TV-14)
 9:00 NYPD Blue (TV-14)
 10:00 Pacific Report
 10:35 Tonight Show w/Leno
 11:35 Late Show w/Letterman

Friday

12:35 ESPN News
 1:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 White Christmas (TV-PG)
 3:05 Movies 'til Dawn
 The Gift of Love (TV-PG)
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 ESPN News
 6:00 Today Show
 8:00 Headline News
 8:30 Showbiz Today
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
 11:00 Oprah Winfrey Show (TV-14)
 12:00 NBC Nightly News
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune (TV-G)
 1:00 Laura McKenzie's Bed and Champagne
 2:00 AFN Special
 2:30 John Stossel: Boys and Girls are Different
 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
 3:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
 4:00 Xena: Warrior Princess
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 7:30 The 70's Show (TV-PG)
 8:00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (TV-PG)
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 TV schedules and sports
 teams names at
www.iwakuni.usmc.mil

**Movies****Sakura Theater**

Movie schedule not
 available at time of print.

This schedule is submitted by the Sakura Theater
 and is subject to change. Any questions or
 comments can be directed to **MCCS** at 253-4003.

Iwakuni's Theaters**Kokusai:**

Nov. 26 - Dec. 17
"The Sixth Sense" - 10:35 a.m.,
 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.,
 6:30 p.m.,
 (Sat. only) 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

New Central I:

Nov. 26 - Dec. 3
 No English Movies
New Central II:
 Nov. 26 - Dec. 3
"The Thomas Crown Affair" -
 10:25 a.m., 2:35 p.m.,
 6:50 p.m.

"Runaway Bride" - 12:30 p.m.,
 4:45 p.m., (Sat. only) 9:10 p.m.

New Central III:
 Nov. 26 - Dec. 3
 No English Movies

Local



Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held Sundays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. and Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. Closed meetings are held each Tuesday, 7 p.m. All meetings are held in Bldg. 497, second floor. For more information call 43-4814.

Medical Clinic Health Promotions Tobacco Cessation Courses

Tobacco Cessation classes will be held Dec. 8, 10, 15 and 17. Courses are held in the clinic conference room, 10-11 a.m. Participants must attend all four sessions. For more information call 253-3266.

Controlling Cholesterol Course

A "Controlling Cholesterol Course" will be offered Dec. 16, 10-11 a.m. in the Branch Medical Clinic conference room. This class will help participants understand what cholesterol is, how to reduce it and the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. For more information call 253-3266.

E.D.I.S.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, a division of the Branch Medical Clinic, offers an Early Intervention program for children up to 36 months. If you have questions or concerns about your child's speech, social, cognitive or motor development call 253-4562 to set up a free screening or evaluation.

Information is also available on such topics as child development, parenting issues and behavior management.

Childbirth Education Program Five-week Series

A five-week-series class is offered to first time expectant parents during the third trimester who are interested in learning the basics about child birth. Many topics are discussed such as breathing techniques, breast-feeding and infant care. The class meets once a week for five weeks from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For details call Cmdr. Lisa Craft at 253-2714.

Refresher Class

The Refresher Class is offered to mothers who want to "freshen up" on the skills covered in the five-week series. This class, offered once a month, covers such issues as delivery at a Japanese facility, labor and delivery and breathing techniques. For details call 253-2714.

Enlisted Spouses' Club Monthly Meeting

The monthly Enlisted Spouses' Club meeting will be held Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in Bldg. 589's community room. For more information call 253-2895.

Rent-A-Santa

The Enlisted Spouses' Club is sponsoring a Rent-A-Santa event for the holiday season. Call 253-4721 to request date and they will send you Santa Claus, complete with outfit. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. All proceeds go to the Enlisted Spouses' Club to support scholarships and community activities.

The ESC is looking for volunteers to wear the Santa suits. Transportation can be provided on the days of the events. Interested people should stop by the Consignment Sales Shop or call Arlette Walls at 253-4721.

Hanukkah Celebration

Iwakuni's Jewish community will host a Hanukkah celebration Dec. 5. For more information call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 or the Station Chapel at 253-5218.

Consignment Sales Shop

The Consignment Sales Shop, located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall, is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 4-7:30 p.m. Consignments and donations are accepted during operating hours or in the drop box after working hours. For more information call 253-4721.

Premarital Seminar

The Premarital Seminar will be conducted once a quarter in the Chapel Annex, Bldg. 1104 multi-purpose room, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Jan. 26, April, 26, July 26 and Oct. 25, 2000. For more information call Chaplain Murphy at 253-5218.

Treasure Trunk

The Treasure Trunk will now be open every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Gift certificates are available. Special holiday shopping hours during the week of Thanksgiving will be Monday, Tuesday and Nov. 26 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Special discounts each day on furniture, ceramics and Christmas items. Door prizes will be given away each day. The shop is open to all SOFA-status residents and is located on the second floor of Crossroads Mall. Proceeds benefit the Marine Lounge. Earn Treasure Bucks or a 10 percent in-store discount by volunteering. Call Sarah Thornley at 253-2296 for more information.

Marine Corps Community Services Toys for Tots

The Single Marine Program is coordinating the 1999 "Toys for Tots" toy drive. New, unwrapped toys will be accepted in drop boxes, which are located at the Marine Lounge and Hornet's Nest. Special drop-off boxes will be placed at the Main Exchange 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on week-ends. The program cannot accept cash donations. For more information call SSgt. Hora at 253-4165 or the Hornet's Nest at 253-3585.

Parent Training

The New Parent Support Program's Daddy's Baby

Boot Camp and Mom's Basic Training first session will be held Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. This class is free and open to everyone. For location and to register, call Dina Obey at 253-6553.

Playgroup Canceled

Playgroup is canceled for Tuesday. The meetings will resume Dec. 7.

TAMP and TAP

This four-day seminar, scheduled for Dec. 14-17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 121-122, combines the Department of Defense mandatory pre-separation briefing (TAMP) and the Department of Labor job search seminar (TAP). Benefits, programs, services and entitlements available to separating military personnel and their families will be explained. Military personnel and their spouses are encouraged to attend as early as possible to enhance a smooth transition to civilian life. All personnel regardless of rank, years of service, or type of discharge are required to attend no later than 90 days prior to discharge. For more information and to sign up call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

Veterans' Benefits Briefing

A Veterans' Benefits Briefing is scheduled on Dec. 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 121-122. The briefing explains the various benefits offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Application forms and information are provided on home loans, disability compensation, SGLI and VGLI, educational benefits and other topics. The briefing provides addresses and telephone numbers of VA Regional Offices, and medical rehabilitation and treatment centers by state. For details call 253-6439.

Marine Corps Reserve Forces Briefing

The Marine Corps Reserve Forces Transition Recruiter visits the air station monthly to explain the options and benefits of transitioning to the reserve program after active military service. The next visit is Dec. 15, 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. in Bldg. 411, Rm. 121 - 122. Individual appointments are available following the briefing. People who are interested in joining the reserve program are asked to bring a copy of their final discharge physical paperwork (SF-88 and 93). For more information call the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439.

CRMC Internet Job Search

The Internet is a resource for gathering information on current job openings, housing costs, college enrollment, tuition opportunities, and application forms. It's easy, fun and free. For more information contact the Career Resource Management Center at 253-6439 or stop by Bldg. 411, Rm. 201.

L.I.N.K.S.

Lifestyle Insights Networking Knowledge Skills gives an opportunity to gain practical knowledge that will help spouses and civilian employees access and use their military benefits and community resources wherever they go in the Marine Corps. Next L.I.N.K.S. sessions will be held Monday through Wednesday. Childcare will be provided with registration. For more information call Betsy at 253-2562 or Rebecca at 253-7251.

Chapel's Weekly Services

<u>Saturday</u>	
5:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass (Chapel Annex)
<u>Sunday</u>	
8:15 a.m.	Liturgical Worship Service (Chapel Annex)
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
10 a.m.	Church of Christ Lay Leader Service (Chapel Annex, Rm. 103)
10:15 a.m.	C.C.D. (Chapel Annex) Gospel Sunday School (M.C. Perry Elementary School, Rm. 423B)
10:30 a.m.	Protestant Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
12 p.m.	Gospel Divine Worship Service (M.C. Perry Elementary School Gym)
2 p.m.	Latter Day Saint (Chapel Annex)
<u>Wednesday</u>	
8 a.m.	Premarital Seminar (Chapel Annex)

Call 253-5218 for more information.

For information on Jewish Services call Mark Zeid at 082-231-4008 after 6 p.m. or call the Station Chapel.

Education



Spouse Tuition Aid Program

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term III at Troy State University, University of Maryland and Central Texas College to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. Applications are being accepted from Monday to Dec. 10. Paperwork and interviews must be completed by Dec. 10. Stop by the Education Office or the Navy Relief Office to pick up a packet. For more information call 253-5311.

Test Schedule

Every Tuesday/Friday

- College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test
- Nov. 29 - Electronics Data Processing Test
- Armed Forces Classification Test

All tests will be held at 8 a.m. at the Education Services Office located at Bldg. 210, Rm. 109. Schedule is subject to change due to relocation of the Education Services Office in November. Call 253-3855 for confirmation of testing dates or more information.

University of Maryland Scholarships

University of Maryland is offering 25 scholarships to Asian division students. Awards consist of tuition credits worth \$746.40. Applicants must submit a two to three page essay on a selected topic. Applications must be post marked no later than Dec. 7. For more information call 253-3494.